

The vision of JURIST revolves around the development of a Caribbean Jurisprudence which emphasises standards of judicial excellence and excellence in judicial service delivery. The Project's stated overarching goal is to establish a judicial system that is more responsive to the needs of women, men, youths and businesses.

As such, the Project will undertake several initiatives in collaboration with the judiciaries and other key stakeholders in the region aimed at strengthening the delivery of justice in the region through inter alia, development of commitment to court excellence and the provision of tools and techniques to enable judicial officers to manage judicial performance thereby reducing delays and backlogs and aiding in efficient and timely justice delivery.

The Rt Hon Sir Dennis Byron & Ms Anne Gaudet of the Canadian High Commission shaking hands after signing the agreement



JURIST will work with judiciaries in the region to support their efforts to improve court administration and strengthen the ability of the courts and the judiciary to resolve cases efficiently and fairly. The Project is being implemented in at least six countries (namely Grenada, Jamaica, Belize, Barbados, Guyana and one other OECS country) in the first instance and will be expanded to include other territories in the region.

It is envisioned that over the five years the Project will contribute significantly to building the capacity of regional trial and appellate courts, including the CCJ, to facilitate the deepening of economic integration while improving court governance, case flow management and case disposition. The ability to dispose of cases fairly and efficiently will improve the quality of justice delivery, inspire public confidence in the justice system, improve gender equality throughout the courts and make the region more attractive to foreign investment.